U.S. SOCCER SAFE SOCCER CLEARANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW
NOW IS THE TIME TO CREATE A SAFER SOCCER ECOSYSTEM
WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STANDARDIZE AND ELEVATE SAFEGUARDING MEASURES TO BETTER PROTECT MILLIONS OF PARTICIPANTS ACROSS OUR COUNTRY

STRENGTH BEHIND THE CREST

27 National Teams
11M Playing organized soccer
735K Coaches & referees
113 Member organizations
OUR VISION FOR SAFE SOCCER

DIGITAL PASS WILL BRING THIS PROGRAM TO THE PITCH, KEEPING SAFETY AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MINDS

SAFE SOCCER CLEARANCE

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Learn more about the Safe Soccer Clearance Program

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UPDATE PROFILE

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SAFE SOCCER WILL REVOLUTIONIZE SAFETY IN OUR SPORT
TRANSFORMS OUR APPROACH FROM RED-LIGHTING BAD ACTORS TO GREEN-LIGHTING PARTICIPANTS BEFORE STEPPING ON THE FIELD

WHAT THE PROGRAM IS

- Participation eligibility program that creates a continuous vetting process for those in the sport
- Centralized sign-up and clearance process that takes 2-4 hours to complete annually
- Public database where status of any participant can be searched, including any reported misconduct
- Available to all participants including coaches, referees, team staff, parents, Board Members, etc.

HOW TO BECOME SAFE SOCCER CLEARED

- Participant signs-up through U.S. Soccer’s website, creating a Safe Soccer Clearance profile
- User completes education modules and applicable background screening requirements
- User is granted a digital pass and their status is updated in central database
- Each year, Safe Soccer Clearance is renewed by refreshing education requirements
BENEFIT OF CENTRALIZING THE SAFE SOCCER PROGRAM

U.S. SOCCER CAN LEVERAGE ITS SCALE AND REACH TO TEACH EVERYONE ABOUT SAFETY

**SAFE SOCCER**

- **Single database to allow members to see the status of those participating**
- **Allows members & U.S. Soccer to work together to keep bad actors out of the game**
- **Draws players to the sport as it can be identified as being safe**
- **Follows participants, preventing a bad actor from moving from one member to another**
- **National minimum standard for clearance, reducing duplicative costs and effort to train participants**

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SAFE SOCCER CLEARANCE TIERING SYSTEM

OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO ENSURE BROAD SAFE SOCCER CLEARANCE ADOPTION, MEMBERS SET THEIR OWN STANDARDS FOR THEIR PARTICIPANTS

TIER #1
FREE

- Updated contact / personal information
- Self-disclosure statements on criminal or harassment allegations
- Attest to U.S. Soccer Code of Conduct
- SafeSport core training
- Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments medical module

2 hours to complete

TIER #2
FREE

- Positive Soccer Environments module
- DEIB module

3 hours to complete

TIER #3
Cost of background check - TBD

- USDPC level background check through U.S. Soccer

3.5 hours to complete
SAFE SOCCER PROGRAM PROVIDES STANDARDIZED EDUCATION

MODULES COVER A VARIETY OF SAFEGUARDING TOPICS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

SAFESPORT CORE TRAINING
90-minutes

- Emotional, physical, and sexual abuse education
- Mandatory reporting responsibilities
- Preventing bullying and hazing

SAFE & HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS
30-minutes

- Recognizing and responding to emergency situations
- Information on concussions, cardiac arrest, mental health, and weather

POSITIVE SOCCER ENVIRONMENTS MODULE
30-minutes
In Partnership with

- Creating and supporting a positive soccer environment
- Benefits of positive coaching
- Tools to nurture a healthy team environment

DEIB EDUCATION MODULE
30-minutes

- Intro to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging
- Information on social perspective taking, bias, stereotypes, advocacy, and microaggressions
SAFE SOCCER WILL SIMPLIFY SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
WE’RE STRIVING TO DEVELOP AN EASY-TO-USE AND INTUITE PROGRAM FOR ALL USERS

SAFEGUARDING

Protecting the health and safety of our players, coaches, and families is everyone’s responsibility. Here you’ll find linked to complete screenings and training as part of your journey with U.S. Soccer. If you encounter issues or have questions, please email us at learningcentersupport@ussoccer.org.

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<td>Safeguard training is a requirement of the USASA for anyone involved in youth soccer. This training is provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport and requires yearly refreshers. Click the red button to launch the training, you will automatically be taken to the appropriate modules.</td>
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<td>Understanding and knowing how to react in an emergency is an important part of our responsibility as leaders in the sport. This training will help you identify and respond to common issues that occur on the field. It is good for one year from the date of completion. Click the red button to launch the training.</td>
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<td>U.S. Soccer’s Code of Conduct establishes the pillars of conduct that serve to guide an individual’s behavior while representing U.S. Soccer. Reading and acceptance of the Code of Conduct will be tracked annually.</td>
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SEAMLESS INTERFACE

- Centralizes safeguarding elements in one place
- Connects to member registration platforms
- Provides quality customer support for users
- Allows easier compliance tracking with affiliated user dashboards
- Lower's background check cost due to economies of scale
A PROGRAM OF THIS SCALE TAKES TIME TO DEVELOP
WILL WORK WITH MEMBERSHIP TO DESIGN THE DETAILS AND REDUCE OPERATIONAL CONCERNS

WE’VE LAID OUT KEY STEPS FOR THE NEXT ~12 MONTHS AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE UPDATES AND SEEK FEEDBACK

Create process for handling misconduct reports and how reports will affect Safe Soccer Clearance status

Develop online user interface and make compatible with member registration platforms

Publish roll-out timelines and discuss congruent USSF policy changes

Finish developing program’s educational content (e.g., Positive Soccer Environments module)

Launch program with USSF staff and pilot organizations, collect feedback for final improvements

Official launch of Safe Soccer Clearance program available to all participants

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EVERY PLAYER DESERVES A SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENT.